GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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Prompt Assistance to Tourists in Emergencies
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the security related works undertaken in and around the tourist spots in the country taking lessons from the big calamities like Kedarnath and Badrinath in the interest of tourists;
(b) whether the Government proposes to provide prompt assistance to tourists in the country to stop the recurrence of incidents similar the one recently occurred in Silgadh river of Uttarakhand where many tourist got stuck for a long time; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a), (b) & (c): The Government is sensitive to situations where tourists are affected by big calamities like Kedarnath and Badrinath. In so far as security related works in and around the tourist spots in the country are concerned, these are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) at the Union Government level are however in regular contact with the State Governments, which are prone to floods and flash floods and also with Central Water Commission (CWC), India Meteorological Department (IMD) to pre-position National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams at vulnerable locations especially during the monsoon season through weekly meetings.
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